

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Session 2011

Legislative Fiscal Note

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 597 (Second Edition)

SHORT TITLE: Behavioral Health Services for Military.

SPONSOR(S): Senator Purcell

<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>					
	<b>Yes ( )</b>	<b>No (X)</b>	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		
	<b><u>FY 2011-12</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2012-13</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2013-14</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2014-15</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2015-16</u></b>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>POSITIONS (cumulative):</b>					
<b>PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &amp; PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Health and Human Services, UNC System, AHEC				
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	July 1, 2011				

**BILL SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 597 directs state agencies that deal with health services and education to coordinate programs and activities related to the behavioral health needs of military members, veterans and their families. The bill amends General Statute 115C-47 by adding language that directs local boards of education to collect information on children of military service members. Local boards of education are further directed to collect information on the training of district employees. The bill amends General Statute 133C-115.4 by adding language that requires NC Local Management Entities to obtain training related to the needs of military personnel and their families. In addition to the principal agencies affected that are noted above, the bill affects the following entities: The Division of Medical Assistance, the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, the Division of Medical Assistance, NC Area Health Education Centers, the NC Office of Rural Health and Community Care, the North Carolina Foundation for Advanced Health Programs, the Governor’s institute on Substance abuse, the NC Community Health Center Association, the University of NC, the NC Community Colleges System Office, other institutions of higher education, the NC Division of Veterans Affairs, and the NC National Guard.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

1. The bill includes a directive to the Area Health Education Centers to continue delivery of training on the behavioral health needs of military members and their families. This training is already being conducted, therefore, no additional costs are anticipated.
2. The bill directs UNC system universities to collaborate on research related to the behavioral health problems of military personnel. It is expected that there will be no additional costs to the UNC system in conducting this research. This research and the grant seeking activities the bill specifies, fall within the current scope of activities for UNC system research institutes and University departments. The bill further specifies that outside funding will be used to fund these research activities.
3. The bill has numerous reporting requirements that affect state agencies. However, it is believed that these requirements will pose no additional cost burden on state agencies.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Department of Health and Human Services

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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